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BYSIEWICZ REMINDS VOTERS TO REGISTER FOR AUGUST 12TH PRIMARY ELECTIONS

CT VOTERS HAVE ONE WEEK TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARIES FOR CONGRESS,
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND REGISTRAR OF VOTERS CONTESTS

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz is encouraging voters today to make sure they are registered to vote for August 12th primaries in Connecticut. Voters have one week from today, until August 11th at noon to register for the primaries in person at their town offices. Registration forms sent by mail must be postmarked no later than August 7th in order to be processed in time for the primaries. In addition, registration forms delivered to town offices by anyone other than the voter must be turned in no later than August 7th in order to be eligible to vote in the primaries.

"It's decision time in Connecticut," said Bysiewicz, "We are expecting a record turnout of 90% for our November general elections, so I strongly urge voters to go to the polls Tuesday August 12th to choose what candidates will be on the ballot this fall. Don't forget to register because every vote counts!"

Democratic voters in the 4th Congressional District must choose between Jim Himes and Lee Whitnum, with the winner facing incumbent Republican Christopher Shays in November. Meanwhile, Democrats are also choosing candidates in primaries for 3 State Senate districts, 12 State House districts and Registrars of Voters in Hartford, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme and West Haven.

Republicans in the 11 towns State Senate District #8 go to the polls to choose between candidates Kevin Witkos and Moira Wertheimer, who are running to replace retiring Republican State Senator Thomas Herlihy. The winner of that primary faces Democrat Arthur House in November. Republican voters are also choosing candidates in 9th, 17th, and 74th State House Districts and also must select candidates for Registrar of Voters in Hartford, New Britain, and Windham.

A complete list of all 2008 primaries in Connecticut is attached. Polls will be open on Tuesday August 12th from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be the third state election in Connecticut using the new optical scan ballot machines.

“Voters in Connecticut can be assured that their votes are secure,” said Bysiewicz, “We will have a paper ballots as a record of every vote. Our poll workers will be ready for the primaries and will count all votes cast accurately and completely. Voters can also rest assured, their privacy will be protected at every polling place.”

A random sampling of 10% of all precincts to vote on primary day will be selected on August 19th for an audit to ensure accuracy of the optical scan machines. The audit will be conducted between August 27th and September 10th.

Information on how to use the machines and fill out paper ballots is available by going to Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz’s website www.sots.ct.gov or by calling 860-509-6200. Secretary Bysiewicz reminds voters to bring proper identification with them to the polls, including a drivers license or Social security card, bank statement, utility bill and/or pay stub.

Bysiewicz earlier reported that more than 100,000 new voters have registered for the 2008 elections. Voter registration materials are also available online at the Secretary of the State’s website.

Primary List 2008

<u>District</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Towns</u>
Congress			
Congressional District 4	Democratic	Jim Himes, Lee Whitnum	Bridgeport, Darien, Easton, Fairfield, Greenwich, Monroe, New Canaan, Norwalk, Oxford, Redding, Ridgefield, Shelton, Stamford, Trumbull, Weston, Westport, Wilton
State Senate			
State Senate District 1	Democratic	John W. Fonfara, Ed Vargas	Hartford, Wethersfield
State Senate District 8	Republican	Maira Wertheimer, Kevin D. Witkos	Avon, Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, Granby, Hartland, Harwinton, New Hartford, Norfolk, Simsbury, Torrington
State Senate District 22	Democratic	Marilyn Moore, Anthony J. Musto	Bridgeport, Monroe, Trumbull
State Senate District 24	Democratic	Duane E. Perkins,	Bethel, Danbury, New

		Terry L. Tierney	Fairfield, Sherman
State House			
State House District 5	Democratic	Abraham Giles, Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey	Hartford
State House District 6	Democratic	Carmen I. Sierra, Hector Luis Robles	Hartford
State House District 9	Democratic	Joseph S. Hachey, Jason Rojas	East Hartford, Glastonbury, Manchester
State House District 9	Republican	Michael W Crockett, Dennis A. Brenner, Clifton E . Thompson	East Hartford, Glastonbury, Manchester
State House District 17	Republican	Timothy LeGeyt, Tom Harrison	Avon, Canton
State House District 49	Democratic	Thomas W. White, Susan Johnson	Windham
State House District 74	Republican	Selim G. Noujaim, Jason A. Carlascio	Waterbury
State House District 80	Democratic	Corky Mazurek, Karen A. Houghtaling	Southington, Wolcott
State House District 94	Democratic	Charles A. Blango, Gary A. Winfield	New Haven
State House District 101	Democratic	Deborah Heinrich, Gina Russell Tracy	Guilford, Madison
State House District 121	Democratic	Terry Backer, Michael Singh	Stratford
State House District 126	Democratic	Carlos Silva, Christopher L. Caruso	Bridgeport
State House District 128	Democratic	Lydia N. Martinez, Andres Ayala Jr.	Bridgeport
State House District 129	Democratic	Robert T. Keeley, Auden C. Grogins	Bridgeport
State House District 130	Democratic	Slyvester L. Salcedo, Jose A. "Chico" Rivera Jr., Ezequiel Satiago	Bridgeport
Registrar of Voters			
ROV- City of Hartford	Democratic	Olga Iris Vazquez, Shirley	Hartford

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ROV- City of Hartford	Republican	Salvatore A. Bramante, Kevin R. Brookman	Hartford
ROV- City of New Britain	Republican	Peter J. Gostin, Dorothy R. Turnrose	New Britain
ROV- Town of Old Lyme	Democratic	Mary J. Stone, Patricia M. McCarthy	Old Lyme
ROV- Old Saybrook	Democratic	Carol A. Conklin, Elizabeth D. Steffen	Old Saybrook
ROV- City of West Haven	Democratic	Charles A. Marino, Michelle P. Hufeut	West Haven
ROV- Town of Windham	Republican	Joan Goetschius, Doug Rapp	Windham